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Catalog of specimens #1–84
General account and itinerary

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- Catalogue -

Salmon Cr., 8 mi. W. Rodgerson, Twin Falls Co., Idaho ~ May 13, 35

1. ♀ Marmota flaveventer 385-104-62-22
2. ♂ Cliff Swallow - Skeleton & Gizzard Cont.

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3. ♂ Dipodomys ordi 240-130-40-12
4. ♀ " " 237-133-37-12
5. ♀ " " 247-138-39-13
6. ♂ Peromyscus sonorensis 154-67-21-17
7. ♂ " " 157-71-21-16
8. ♀ Reithrodontomys megalotis 145-66-17-13
9. ♀ " " 133-64-16-14
10. ♀ " " 150-70-18-19
11. ♂ Perognathus 182-98-25-9

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12. ♀ Peromyscu crenetis 178-93-20-20
13. ♀ " " 170-89-20-19
14. ♂ " " 175-90-21-20
15. ♂ " " 183-95-21-19
16. ♀ " " 175-90-21-19
17. ♂ Marmota flaviventris 355-90-63-20

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6 mi. E. Carlin Nevada.

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19. Bone from Prairie Falcon's nest
18. Tarsal & Meta-tarsals bones from P. Falcon's nest

Salmon Cr. Reservoir, 8 mi. W. Rodgerson, Twin Falls Co. Idaho. May 16, 1935

20. ♂ Western Lark Sparrow

2 mi. W. Rogerson, Twin Falls Co. Idaho.
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21 ♂ Citellus oregonus 290-72-45-16

2 mi. E. Hagerman, Snake River, Gooding Co., Idaho. May 18, 1935
22 ♂ Peromyscus m. sonoriensis 160-69-21-17
23 ♂ Calif. Quail
24 ♀ Marmota flaviventer ~~290-165-28-25~~ 541-146-72-30

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25 ♂ Peromyscus m. 166-68-22-18
26 ♂ Lepus c. skull only 482-65-124-105

May 20, 1935
2 mi. E. Hagerman, Gooding Co. N. Side of River.
27 ♀ Pocket Gopher 192-59-34-7
28 ♀ 167-49-22-4.
29 ♂ Cottontail Rabbit skull only 332-40-87-60

May 22, 1935
4 mi. S. Mountain Home, Elmore Co., Idaho
30 ♂ Citellus idahoensis 202-44-34-9
31 ♂ " " 182-45-35-8
32. " " 196-47-32-7
33 ♂ " " 228-54-38-10

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Castle Cr., 8 mi. S. Oreana Owyhee, Co, Idaho
34 ♂ Thomomys townsendii 293-90-40-7

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35 ♂ Dipodomys 255-143-42-8
36 ♀ Peromyscus crinitus 178-88-22-20
37 ♂ " m. 143-64-21-18

May 23, 1935
4 mi. W. Murphy, Owyhee Co., Idaho
38 ♀ Lanius l. gambeli

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6 mi. W. Murphy, Owyhee Co., Idaho
39 ♂ Neotoma cinerea 401-164-48-35
May 24, 1935
6 mi W. Murphy, Owyhee Co., Idaho
40 ♂ Crotophytus wislizeni (Collared Lizard)
41 Coyote: Skull Only
May 26 1935
5 mi. S.E. Murphy, Owyhee Co. Idaho
42 ♀ Citellus leurodon 197-53-32-8
May 26 1935
5 mi. SE, Murphy, Owyhee Co., Idaho.
43 ♀ Dipodomys 219-121-40-12
44 ♂ " 243-140-42-12
45 ♀ Peromyscus (Sp.?) yng. 121-57-19-16
May 26, 1935
5 mi. S.E. Murphy, Owyhee Co. Idaho
46 ♂ Citellus leurodon 203-51-38-9
47 ♂ " " 204-54-33-9
48 ♀ " " 208-54-31-9
49 ♀ " " 196-51-32-8
May 27, 1935
Sinker Cr. 7 mi. S.E. Murphy Owyhee Co.
50 ♂ Citellus oregonus 242-63-43-16
51 ♂ " " 262-60-43-17
52 ♂ " leurodon 191-38-32-8
May 28, 1935
Reynolds Cr. 12 mi. S. Snake River, Owyhee Co. Ida.
53 ♂ Thomomys Skull only
54 ♀ " 190-59-26-5
55 ♂ Citellus oregonus 296-68-46-17
56 ♂ " " 296-74-47-19
May 29, 1935
2 mi. S. Melba, Canyon Co., Idaho
57 ♂ Neotoma [cinerea (yng.?)] 254-101-32-28
58 ♀ " " (with brood) 285-121-30-30

59♀ Marmota flaviventer (Skull Only) 490-60-71-28
60♂ Citellus idahoensis 211-48-33-8
61♂ " " 217-46-35-8
62♂ " " 216 51-34-8

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2 mi. S. Payette, Between Payett R. & Snake R., Payette Co., Idaho.
63. Muskrat (Pick Up) (Skull only)

June 1, 1935
20 mi. N. Weiser Mann Cr., Washington Co, Idaho.
64♀ Marmota flaviventer yng. Skull only
65♀ Citellus columbianus 368-96-53-19

June 2, 1935
2 mi. S. Payette, Between Payette R. & Snake R., Payette Co. Idaho.
66♂ Perognathus 152-80-22-7
67♂ Citellus idahoensis 237-56-37-9
68♂ " " 225-55-37-9

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69♂ Citellus Idahoensis 231-46-38-11
70♂ " " 236-62-38-10
71♀ " " 222-57-35-8

June 4, 1935
4 mi. E. Gooding, Gooding Co, Idaho
72♂ Jack Rabbit Skull Only 470-67-120-111
73♀ " " " " 521-40-123-159
74♂ " " " " 469-71-116-116

June 11, 1935
3 mi. E. Shoshone, ~~Shoshone~~ Lincoln Co., Idaho
75♂ Marmota flaviventer 526-132-66-28
June 5, 1935
Howel's Canyon, Mt. Harrison, Idaho
~~86~~♀ Citellus 298-72-46-17
June 6, 1935
77♀ Peromyscus m. 151-66-19-18
~~78♀ " m. 161-74-20-18~~
~~79♂ " m. 152-74-20-17~~
78♂ " " 162-74-20-17
June 7, 1935
79♂ Thomomys sp. 208-64-26-5
80♀ Peromyscus m. 154-69-19-18
June 8, 1935
81♀ Thomomys sp. 187-51-26-5
June 9, 1935
82♂ Peromyscus m. sonoriensis 164-75-22-17
83♂ Thomomys sp. 196-67-28-6
84♂ Citellus sp. 293-84-46-18

Oakland, Calif. to 5 mi. E. Winnemucca Nevada - May 11, 1935

As a guest of Mr. William B. Davis Howard Twining (U.C. Zoology student) and myself started for Idaho with an itinerary of most of the southern part of the state, for the purpose of gathering information of the mammals of that region for Mr. Davis' doctors thesis. The weather of the day was mostly cloudy and westerly winds west of the Nevada-Calif. divide. Plenty of snow at the summit where we had supper at the Nordex Ski Lodge & the Sierra Club. Continued driving until 1:20 A.M. when we pulled over to side of road 5 mi. E. Winnemucca and had 1 st. night out in a level land covered with nothing but sage (Artemesia tridentata. An icy wind was blowing.

Bird list for today:
Red-winged Blackbird
Western Meadowlark
Linnet
Barn Swallow
Brewers Blackbird
Calif Jay
" Shrike
Sparrow Hawk
Cliff Swallow
Carquinez Bridge
Calif Quail

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Western Robin
Turkey Vulture
Black-headed Grosbeak
Yellow Warbler
Western Kingbird
Marsh Hawk
Common Egret
Great Blue Heron
Coot
Sandpiper (sp.) One Hook
Roadside
Western Meadowlark
Spotted Towhee
Calif. Woodpecker
Warbling Vireo
Western Bluebird
" Tanager
Green-backed Goldfinch
Brown Towhee
Hotel Flat (5:30 P.M. - First Snow)
Burrowing Owl

May 12.

5 mi. E. Winnemucca, Nev. to 8 mi W. Rodgerson, Silver Cr. Reservoir, Twin Falls Co, Idaho.

Awoke in morning to find nothing but sage about us with snow-capped peaks in distance. Came over Immigrant Gap to slightly wetter country containing grassy bays & small willowed along Humboldt R. (Nev.). Stopped by some towering cliffs 6 mi. E. Carlin & walked with ropes finding Prairie Falcon's nest & 4 eggs (all

by Davis). Stopped in Elko, Nev. & nearby found in a marsh my first glance at Wilson Phalaropes beside the road in a pool. I failed to mention my finding my first Black-billed Magpies 1½ mi. before reaching Battle Mt. (Nev.) Camped at Salmon R. Reservoir about 8 mi. W Rodgerson, Twin Falls Co, Idaho. The dam is about 200 ft. high stopping up a box canyon with vertical sides and many "white washed" ledges.

Bird list for today:

Brewer Sparrow
West Grebe
" Meadowlark
Marsh Hawk
Horned Lark
Calif. Shrike
Prairie Falcon
Killdeer
Brewer Blackbird
West. Kingbird
Black-billed Magpie (about 12 - new bird)
Duck (sp.)
Goose (sp.)
Mourning Dove
Raven
Turkey Vulture
Coulisa
West. Bluebird
Rock Wren
White-throated Swift
--- Prairie Falcon Nest (4 eggs.)

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Brewer Egret
Forster Tern
--Elko, Nev.
West. Robin
Lesser Yellowlegs
Sage Thrasher
Say. Phoebe
Wilson Phalarope (dorsal - new bird)
Kingfisher
--Salmon R. Canyon.
Cowbird
Canon Wren

May 13
Salmon R. 8 mi W. Radgerson, Twin Falls Co. Ida ho
Partly cumulus clouds nearly all day and a cold breeze.
Spent most of day hunting Phalaropes on blue slope. Saw as many as 7 at one time. Many of the grey of the year came within 6 ft; flatly refused yielded but one young. (385 mm) Their barking sounded similar to Calif. Crested Squirrels but louder and lower in pitch. Returned to camp + did some skinning. Then went to hunt for Phalaropes again, but shade was on the blue slope + they were in for the night. While looking west from a vantage point, I marvel at the dryness of this relatively barren Sagebrush. An occasional Utah Juniper was seen

bordering the walls of the big Canyon below the dam. Set out trap line at about 5:45 & came back to eat to the tune of fried rabbit and Marmot. After supper I set out 3 live traps in sage. List of birds for today:

Red-tailed Hawk 2
Sparrow Hawk 2
White-throated Swift 8±
Red-breasted Nuthatch 5±
Mountain Bluebird 1
Magpie (sp.) 8
Rock Wren 12±
Prairie Falcon 2
Red-shafted Flicker 3
Canon Wren 2
Cooper's Hawk 12±
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Violet-green Swallow 3
Orange Crowned Warbler 1
Fox Sparrow 2
Brewer Sparrow many
Lazuli Bunting 2 (Newbird)
Horned Owl 2 (Nesting)
Black-billed Magpie 5
Crow 2
Nesting Dove
Swainson Hawk (Bill) 1
Bald Eagle (probably Adult) 5
Ruby-Crowned Kinglet (Farming) 1
Great Blue Heron (Farming) 1

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Salmon Or Reservoir, Twin Falls Co, Idaho

Weather most always cold & very windy, patchy cumulus clouds. Collected the top one at dump & spent most putting up specimens. In late afternoon went over to east of Camp ~~west~~ to a "bluff Cliff" and punted Rabbits. I flushed four Sage Hens (2pr.) about 40 yds. in front of me. They flew low & with a loud a noise of their wings they went out of sight over a little rise in the terrain. Attempting to flush them again yielded no results. This goes down on my "Life List". Came back to Camp & set out traps till dark. Bill had returned from Selma the dam in the Buhl-canyon. He brought with him a yng. Horned Owl nearly adult size yet much light-colored down still present. It had fallen from its nest a good many feet above on the ledge. When almost dark 2 Common Loons were heard giving their maniacal laughing calls flying over the lake.

Birds for today:

Mourning Dove	2
Cliff Swallow	15 ±
Vesper "	6 ±
Cliff Swallow	many
Raven	2
White-throated Swift	3

Red-breasted Mergnaser 6 ±
Common Tern 2
Chip. Gull (one huge flock)
Rock Wren 15 ±
Canon " 2
Red-tailed Hawk 2
Red-shafted Flicker 2
Orange-crowned Warbler 1
Brewer Sparrow many
Violet-green Swallow 2
Sage Hen (2 pr. - New Bird)
Horned Owl 2 (one yng. Davis)
Poorwill 2
Eng. Sparrow 1
Caspian Tern 1
Prairie Falcon
Empid (Sp.?) 2 (Twining)
Kingfisher (Davis) 1
Great Blue Heron (Davis) 1
Yellow Warbler 14 ± (Twining)
Hummer (Sp.?) 2
Nighthawk (Twining) 2
Say Phoebe (Twining & Davis) 4
Eng. Sparrow (Twining) 2
Bullock Oriole " 2
Mountain Blue bird " & Davis) 2
Chipping Sparrow (Twining) 1
Horned Lark (Twining) 3
Black-b. Magpie " 1
Ruby-c. Kinglet " several
West. Tanager " 1
Night Heron(?) " 8-10
Spotted Sandpiper 2

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Salmon Cr. Reservoir, Twin Falls Co, Idaho.

Collected trap line at sunrise on summit of nearby peak with no success with live traps but got 3 P. crinitus + a couple of P. m. sonoriensis. The latter is more orange + has shorter tail (we had plenty of these + didn't keep them). Came back to camp + Bill was trying to fry pot cakes with the wind blowing. Worked on skins 'till 1:30 + fed carcasses to "Clop Clop" the pet owl. At 2:30 Twining + myself hiked down below dam. A vast difference could be seen in the bottom of the Canyon compared to life above. Stream side was covered with small willows + Horse tails. Back of willows eaten by Sagebrush. Such birds that weren't found above in the Prairie were Tolmie Warbler, Song Sparrow.

A small chirp like note was heard above willows and saw a Hummer doing Pauw dives over female. Song of was "Black-chinned" but thru binoculars I saw its Lanceolate gorget, making it a Calliope.

After a while they were

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seen copulating.
Heard & got a Hermit Thrush but couldn't find it in Willows. Looking up towards dam I saw what thought was large gull, but thru glasses could make out tail bands, which we concluded was Osprey. Later we saw B. Hanks & he confirmed our observation. We climbed out of canyon & set traps line at the summit. Skinned a Marmot & shot a warbler. It was a yng. of the year & by now (12 hrs. later) it was puffed up like a drum.
Wind was cold & strong tonight & so put Owl in sack for night. List for today:

Horned Lark 2
Vesper Sparrow 6
Eng. Sparrow 2
Calif. Towhee many
Violet-g. Swallow 4
Canyon Wren 3
Bald. Gull 1 large flock
Brewer Sparrow 30±
Audubon Warbler 2
White-throated Swift 6
Red-tailed Hawk 4
Lewis Woodpecker (Davis) 1
Yellow Warbler 8±
Ruby-c. Kinglet 3
Blue Heron 5
Red-shafted Flicker 5

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Prairie Falcon 2 (one nest)
Broad-tailed Hummer (Juv.)
Calliope Hummer 2 (1 pr.)
Kingfisher 1
Log Prairie 1
Say Phoebe 2
Horned Lark 2
Western Flock 2 (copulating)
Prairie Warbler 2 (1 pr)
Sage-colored Thrasher 1
Catbird 1
Mockingbird 6
Raven 3
Red-headed Woodpecker 6±
Pacific Nighthawk 2
Bobwhite 2

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May 16.

Salmon Cr. Reservoir, Twin Falls Co. to 2 mi. E. Hagerman, Gooding Co., Idaho

Collected topline at Sunside below the dam. Little luck was had. We climbed down in the canyon and looked for the Horned Owl's nest at the base of which Davis found the young (Clop Clop). We found the nest with difficulty but couldn't get to it. Many pellets & bones were below including many sheep skeletons where they probably had fallen from the top of the canyon. At the bottom of the "V" shaped canyon in the willows & found a pair of Lead-colored Bush-Tits feeding two young. They were very similar to the Coast Bush-Tit & gave the same notes. A close view of a Warbling Vireo had near by.

A Junco was heard here also, giving its song much the same as the Oregon Junco in Calif.

Further down the canyon could be heard the cries of Prairie Falcons. We went down the canyon always & unsuccessfully shot at a flying Horned Owl. This brought the Falcons & a pair of Red-tailed Hawks "to their senses". They were all circling low over us and screaming. They stopped doing this after 3½ minutes of it. The

Red-tail Hawk could be seen on the cliff 100 ft. above us

One Blue Heron was observed fishing in the stream, standing nearly the whole length of its legs in the water. At the sight of us it took off with a low squawk & flew down the canyon

One note of a Ruby-crowned Kinglet was heard.

There are a good many Red-shafted Flickers about and no holes to nest in (except an occasional Juniperus utahensis) They prefer to nest in holes in the cliffs. One was seen entering a small hole & I assume that many of the smaller holes have been "white washed" in this manner. Some of the holes seem to be very round; perhaps some of the digging was done by the birds themselves. Other birds are also forced to nest in the cliffs due to the other types of nesting sites being at a premium. Such birds are the Sparrow Hawk, Flicker, Mourning Dove & Black-b. Magpie.

We climbed out of the canyon by a ladder & the down stream and crossed down again & photoed a Marmot habitat.

We packed up and left by 1:00. At the house of the caretaker

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of the dam we found a dead Green-tailed Towhee in a mesh fence

On way to Rodgerson we had sport shooting Oregon Ground Squirrels. From Rodgerson to Twin Falls we shot some more of these & saw 3 Sage Hens & 2 Sage Thrashers.

After staying in Twin Falls for a couple of hours we drove to within 2 mi. of Hagerman & camped on the N. side of the Snake River (but 50 yds from it.) Tabt for today:

Cliff Swallow many
Violet green Swallow 3
Rock Wren many
Lark Sparrow several (1 found dead)
Canyon Wren 4
Yellow Warbler 6±
Lead-colored Bush-Tit 4
Warbling Vireo 2
Sparrow Hawk 3
Junco (Red-backed?) 1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1
Prairie Falcon 4
Great Blue Heron 3
Red-tailed Hawk 3
Red-shafted Flicker 4 (1 nest?)
Green-tailed Towhee (1 dead)
Gnatcatcher 1?
Brewer Blackbird several
Shrike 2
Western Meadowlark 7±
" Raven 3

(No list)

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Horned Lark
Eng. Sparrow many (building Violin-like nests)
Sage Hen 3
Sage Thrasher 2
Mourning Dove 4±
West. Kingbird 3 —
— — Twin Falls - to Hagerman
Black-headed Grosbeak
Killdeer 2
Ring-necked Pheasant 1
Red-winged Blackbird several
Wilson Snipe (1 heard)
Screech Owl 1 heard
Coot (many on river)
Horned Owl 1 heard
Poorwill 1 heard.

May 17.

N. Side Snake R., 2 mi. E. Hagerman, Gooding Co., Idaho.

After breakfast, went to work putting up skins. I put up a fat Marmot and a Ground Squirrel & Lark Sparrow. Spent the afternoon looking for more Killdeers & got & was unsuccessful. The parents seem to get differently than most I have observed; however, they fooled me. I set out 2 traps in the evening. Full moon came up thru tall Poplar trees giving a pretty setting. A west wind was blowing all day & displayed a few Cirrus Clouds.

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May 18.

2 M. E. Hagerman, Gooding Co., Idaho.

Collected top-line in morning & had but 3 Citomyscus manicultus: 2 wyse yng. & went home. We skinned all morning including a Marmot & then Howard & I went for a hike north into some small talus slopes forming a slight terrace which holds in the adjacent marsh. The marshes contained some of the following birds: Stilts, Yellow-headed Blackbird (one nest + egg), Wilson Phalaropes, Cinnamon Teal (one yng. found & photod). Our purpose was to bring home a large Marmot, & a good share of the time was spent watching talus slopes. Coming out of a talus slope gushed almost a river of clear & cold water. I shot one off a ledge which overhung the stream. I finally had to dive to the bottom of the icy water & retrieve the thing. In this case I don't believe the presence of water had anything to do with the marmots being there (only indirectly). Many other places along the stream superficially looked like a perfect "chuck" habitat; these were deep crannies & "protecting" sage. On the inhabited cliffs there were crannies, sage plus what I think is very important thing not present on the uninhabited areas:

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this was grass. I believe that in places where grass doesn't grow on a knoll or vantage point (where they can watch for enemies while feeding) they require the protection of sage under which they can feed & also upon. Found a few large & well traveled holes going thru the grass & coming out on top of the terrace where they could reach sage-grass area unperceived. Loose barricades to their burrows (talus slopes) are not always essential, because a Mole rat was shot from a vertical sand bank overlooking the stream 15 ft. up. This was a gray, however, & so it may have been chased up to the terrace of its home domain. The case of these being a sentinel in the colony is neither the rule nor the exception. Those that were out weren't on the highest vantage point & didn't look at our approach.

A Black-billed Magpie's nest was found nearly about 12' up in a dense Willow over the marsh. The bulk of the nest was a heavy mud cup about 18" in dia. & sloping to a point on the bottom to fit into the crotch. The top was loosely domed over (2½' thick) with sticks (thorny) from dead bushes. Here

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plotted + banded. No sign of the parents of the yng. (4 in no. + 2" long) until we left.
Set out tape line near camp for C. Cyanotis.
Had huge meal of Quail, Mourn + Cottontail.

May 19.
2 Mi. E. Hagerman, ~~Twin Falls~~ Gooding Co., Ida'ho.
Collected tape line little after sun up. Only got one ♂ M. (lighter colored than usual). C. Cyanotis isn't here because of lack of sufficient rocky conditions. Finished the mouse skin + the Foramat, which required 5 hrs. of scraping (fat). Went to photograph the Pheasants nest + got large Jack Rabbit on way. The ♀ Pheasant (Ring-n.) flushed when I was but 6 ft. from the nest + flew 35 yds. out of sight. The eggs still were 15 in no. + more dull olive-brown in color. The parent wasn't seen again.
Nearby in the tules I heard a short series of squawk-like notes which was probably a Rail.

May 20.
2 mi. E. Hagerman, Twin Falls Co. + Gooding Co. Ida'ho.
A little after sunrise I found

5 And I went down the south side of the Snake River Twin Falls (a) with the purpose of getting a Marmot to compare South those on the north side. Only one small one was seen was unable to obtain it. Their lack of presence may be attributed to either lack of rocky conditions or sage, under which to feed. Glen Ross sage [illegible] south of the river but no grass.

The river just below the bridge is about 100 yds. wide & on the S. side downstream there occur little rocky inlets on which medium sized willows grow. The banks are bordered with willows & occasional grassland. Many Magpies nested in the willows on this island & were seen carrying food for young. Sticks probably which were for the done of the nest.

Cedarwing & Yellow headed Blackbirds were common.

An Eastern Kingbird was seen on a fence, the white tipped tail being very prominent. About 5 hr. later it was seen again.

One Crow seen across the river.

We hiked about 1 mile below bridge & on our way back we saw a pair of Blue winged Teal in dried slough containing patches of tules & water cress (?). We approached within 10 yds. when they took off

without sound + circled past
way around us + down the canal
out of sight. The teal + the
Cast. Hybrid were new on my
life list.

Came back to Camp + put
up two packet gophers + blew
brains from Ground squirrels for
3 yr. We ~~of~~ went swimming
where a creek enters river, + on
way back cottontail with dressed
liver. Howard got a "Jack", but
threw it away also due to worms in
back near surface. It was 9
+ had 5 embryos + milk.

May 21.

2 mi E. Hagerman to Buena Vista
Co., Idaho.

Set up a few traps in
morning + left camp northward
at about 12:20 + collected
some gopher tapes between camp
+ Hagerman in alfalfa patch.
(Caught 2). After short stay at
Hagerman continued on towards
Mountain Home where we
stocked up on provisions. Left
Mt. Home at 3:30 + stopped about
2½ hrs. to hunt squirrels 4 mi.
S. ~~Buena~~ Mt. Home, + saw
also some Sage Thrashers + Sage
Sparrows. Then there we went
to Grand View + thence to New
Buena (a store) on a terrible road.
Arrived at dark + didn't set up camp.

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C. tellus idahoensis - 4 mi S. Jct.
Here we stopped because we saw one of these squirrels. When we wandered around a bit we found the place fairly alive with them. Their high-pitched whistling squeaks could be heard easily yet if they were in ten yds. of you sometimes it was almost impossible to locate them. Their small burrows were everywhere & occasionally as many as 4 were semi-circling a dirt mound at base of Artemisia bush. Their notes averaged 5 in no. & all on the same pitch with equal intensity. Watching one individual for about 45 minutes in or on a brush pile 2 ft. high revealed the following: It was a female (mammae obvious); she able to pull picket pin loaded when left hind foot were holding only to a twig ¼" dia.; the head was jerked about, facing the direction from which another was calling; when calling herself just nose was lowered with the head thrust forward & the mouth open seeming almost a perfect circle; she closed her mouth only after each series of notes & not every single note; when approached she would disappear beneath the pile of brush when the intruder (I) was

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bout 10 yds. away
Brewer Grasswren. Parent finally called my attention to a nest containing 4 eggs about 1 1/2 light in color, & dull Artemisia black. Nest was of small twigs (outer structure) & small dry grass inside. Eggs were almost Robins egg blue with numerous light brown spots. Photoed nest & waited almost 1 hr for bird to return to be taken on nest. The parents came no closer than 1 1/2 ft. Short notes were frequently uttered

May 22.

Near Owyhee to 8 mi. S Owyhee on Battle Cr., Owyhee Co. Idaho.

Left immediately for new camp at Ranch. This area is probably lower sonoran in spots at least with Atriplex and Kochia as indicators. The area is very dry with the bushes evenly spaced & frequent open places containing small white alkali lizards. Numerous Jack Rabbits tracks are present between this type of cover, surrounding us were mountains & hills in the distance with frequent gravelly washes & greatly eroded flat topped buttes projecting almost vertically out of the level land, below. No cacti but Opuntia present. The

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ranch where camp was made was on the Cr. Bordered by tall bunch-grass (as high as 4½'). Some willows inhabited by magpies. Round the ranchmen many Lombardy Poplars which formed nests for birds. One wonders if the no. of species in Idaho hasn't been increased by man's ~~habitation~~ habitat.

May 23.

Castle Cr. to 6 mi W. Murphy, Owyhee Co. Idaho.

Collected trap-line at sunrise. Won 5¢ bet from Howard Turning due to his not get a 50% catch (he got but one yng. Red Spotted Towhee.) I got 6 (1 Spotted, 1 P. cinereus, & 4 P. maniculatus). Spent morning skinning (Davis & Kinnear Muscat). We packed & Howard got lunch meat in the form of R.-n. Pheasant just before we left. Left for Murphy (17 mi.) & asked about camping spot there. We finally ended up in a deserted cabin 6 mi. W. Murphy & cleaned up the shack for eating. Set out rat traps & caught a family 2 large adults 4 large yng. Bushy tailed Woodrats

Hawk Eyes. - Shot at a hawk that was disputedly in our minds either an immature Goshawk or Cooper Hawk or Red-tailed - in fact

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we didn't know what it was.
We were unable to get it with
small shot, but one of the
Ranch boys got it with
heavy load. Howard put up skin.
Citellus lateralis - Some time was
unsuccessfully spent trying to
shoot some of these a few miles
from our morning camp. Heard
~~Ge~~ shot one with shotgun but
lost it. A heard several all
around me, but couldn't see
any. Notes were composed of a
very high-pitched squeak usually
of two syllables. At first I
thought they were squeaking beside
the wind until I heard it
when the wind wasn't blowing.
Their mounds & holes are evident
(very small). The location of
this observation is 3 mi E. Sinker Cr.

May 24.

6 mi W. Murphy, Owyhee Co., Idaho.

Spent most of morning putting
up Hugh Brady & Wood Rat & a
Citellus gotten yesterday. Investigated
Wood Rat habitat in attic of shack
& found 3 nests within a few
feet of each other. One was
very large with a hole near the
side & the others were very small
& flattened. By this morning the
total catch of Rats was 7 yng. &
two adults. Rest of day spent
for hike over a very rocky hill

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of almost finger-formation of igneous material (decayed granite) in evening, but cottontail for supper.

Chipmunk (Sp.?) One seen on the rocky cliffs of hill. With .22 I failed to get it & so species undetermined. Since it had many stripes it couldn't have been E. dorsalis & is probably E. amoenus. Many small holes were seen amongst rock & in soft sandy soil. (Perhaps were workings of this species.) They all seemed old however, due to cobwebs over holes.

Coyote - One skeleton found & skull saved for specimen.

Lead-colored Bush-Tit - 2 were seen on tall Ptiloxylon bushes on top of hill. They were eating food on hill; couldn't follow them long enough.

Gallinaceous Bird (Sp.?) - Billed called to my attention a couple of birds on side hill. Walked uphill & flushed them about 10 yds. in front of me. They flew downhill on an angle & were out of sight in the sage nearby. I flushed them 3 times in all & finally lost them. From these three nursed & I put aboard one & gathered the following data: They were about intermediate in size between Cal. Quail & small Sierra Grouse. Tail was short &

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tapered at tip. Tail, rump & lower back were olive-brown. Trailing edge of last, rounded wings was slightly margined with dull buff. No crest. Wings beat fast with loud whirring noise. My mind thought they might be Hungarian Partridge (introduced thru), tho I had never seen one.

When arrived back to shack there was considerable disagreement on these characters. Bill said they were brown & had slight crest. Howard saw them in a different place & said he saw two birds with a broad tail & terminal, prominent band of buff; about the size of Grouse.

May 25.

6 mi. W. Murphy to 5 mi. S.E. Murphy. Left Camp (3 shacks) at about 11 A.M. Drove slowly looking for squirrels, with no success. Went on Murphy-Osgood Rd. for about 5 mi. & then turned to left for a couple of ranch houses. Stayed in afternoon on the Gifford ranch & hunted squirrels. Finally camped at a deserted ranch house used as granary several hundred yds. N. of Gifford's. Howard & I set out trap line in low Potrero. On doing this I found a dead Range horse that had died giving

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hgth to a colt (yng was about ⅔ out)

Black-b. Magpie - Helped Howard Bond 3 yng. from nest & found yesterday (& Mr. W. Murphy. Nest was 4' up in dense willows. There were also 4 infertile eggs.

West. Kingbird - Looked at nest (found yesterday) just before leaving the morning Camp & found no eggs. Some nest material had been added since yesterday including ends of cotton (probably from debris left from skinning)

Say Phoebe - Banded 5 yng. from nest under pool at Dayton. Parent close to nest most of the time.

C. tellus learodon - We spent time looking for these between morning Camp & Dayton. Only a few old mounds observed. From my observations today it seems that the species is located in but a few isolated colonies. Appears that they were more abundant then now due to our finding many old and unused mounds. (Perhaps they migrate.) "Old timers" at Dayton say they used to be there by the millions & that a disease took toll several yrs. ago. (They call them dog squirrels) Our biggest study of them today was in a sharply circumscribed area (Gifford's) of about a square ¼ mi.

5 mi. SE. Murphys. Found got 1 ♂ & 2 ♀ with 2 shot gun & 1 ♂ killed with .22.

They are exceedingly wary & ill disturbed, will not come above ground for fully ¾ hr.

Quality of their notes was identical with those heard on May 23, 3 mi. E. Snake Cr.) but didn't appear to be in two syllables. Out of 27 counts of the time interval between squeaks, I found it to average 10 seconds (Note solitary-stamp for all individuals heard)

Colonial mounds were huge being about 10 ft. in dia. & but 1½ in. high. Some have 12 holes come out of one mound but none come out on the very top of the mound. They range out horizontally on the sides. The top was easily caved in due to the "maze" of holes directly beneath.

As many as 3 individuals were seen on the at once. Sometimes they were on top on Utahs but usually in Cricket jr. fashion (½' high)

May 26.

5 mi. S.E. Murphys, Owyhee Co., Idaho.

Skinned 4 squirrels & "dyed" until 2:30. Went to the Oxford ranch again & worked on Lemurodons. Bill

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got 5 Howard got 6 while I tried to shotgun the elusive things with no success whatever.

May 27.

5 mi. S.E. Inyo Co., Owyhee Co., Idaho.

Collected trap line with no luck + I found 4 squirrels in the morning. All three of us went to Sinker Cr. Rim I trapped Pocket Gophers while they went on to get "Lizadores" We first said them enroute to Inyo Co. (They got 7 in all). I only trapped 2 small T. townsendii due to the ranchers irrigating their alfalfa fields. They said they drowned hundreds of them a couple days ago.

Citellus oregonus - I did find however at Sinker Cr. a colony of these along a parallel irrigation ditch. The holes were on a side bank with the water (3½' across) as a barrier to a large alfalfa field. It wasn't much of a barrier because they would swim across frequently + at my approach they dodged back to get other burrows. Collecting them with a .22 was slaughter for they stood in the open 10 yds away. I almost got a couple with a shovel

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May 28
5 mi S.E. Murphy to 2 mi S. Melba
Canyon Co. Idaho.

Started raining at 6:15 + finished at 9:30. Packed up + left for Melba. Collected afew rat traps + got one Lasiurus. We also collected several plants of the area. Stopped about 1 hr. in Murphys + Continued on the road past our old shanty where we camped on May 25. 6 mi W. Murphy. Much snow on Mts. Coming over pass + dropped into Reynolds Cr. Here we stayed a good share of the afternoon trapping gophers (T. quadratus) + shooting squirrels. (C. oregonus) Then went to Melba + back to the "Pliny Ranch" 2 mi S. Melba, which is located at the N. Base of a sage-covered Butte

Say Phoebe - The nest previously seen was again examined + some staying had changes had taken place since our last visit. There was a dead Linnet in the nest which somebody probably put there, another Linnets nest was located beside the Phoebes nest. One yng. Phoebe was missing + only 2 had their heads on.

Citellus leurodon - These squirrels were ~~abundant~~ encountered a few mi. N. of Reynolds Cr. again,

and seems to bring out the principle that "habitat predetermines the type of inhabitant." At our morning's camp the Leucotis area was isolated seemingly by one factor, that of vegetation. The ideal habitat for these squirrels seems to be the combination of a sandy white-clay soil, a fairly tall grass and a certain kind of thorny Acacia bush, that might form vantage points & perhaps some food. Where the Atsipley bushes occur, the individuals are rather widely spaced (perhaps averaging 3'); this gives the "Leucotis" plenty of room for their large low, & complex mounds. The first colony mentioned seemed circumscribed by the presence of the Atsipley. The soil, however, was the same for miles around the inhabited area. On one occasion near Reynolds Cr. I noticed the same Atsipley bush in abundance, yet the soil was hard & gravelly & thus no "Leucotis" were present. A little further beyond the soil changed (Atsipley present) to the regular clay & many of their workings were present, but none were seen (squirrels), perhaps because of its being late in the afternoon. They probably can stand

dryer conditions than Cidadonnia, which is usually in Artemesia tridentata, Hologorys, which is usually along streamside + irrigated fields

Citellus oregonus - They were very abundant at Reynolds Cr. & the yng. could be seen romping with each other at times. If they "drawn one out" of its hole which are within 2 inches of the yrds level of an irrigation ditch. Water ran for about 5 minutes before the squirrel put his head out + escaped thru the grass. It was completely soaked. Many were found drowned at their burrows.

Thomomys quadratus - Two ♀'s were trapped & one was found dead stopping up of its burrow in a sitting-up position with some pulverized grain in its paws & more grain scattered around. Thinking he was ship I approached carefully. Mr. Adams who owned the farm said he dispersed poison a couple of days ago. To be in feeding at the gopher victim was among the last-acting poisons of the dog town. The skull was sawed. The spec. was much smaller than T. townsendii + brown instead of slate.

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May 29.

2 mi. S. Wells Canyon Co Idaho.
Collected trap at sunrise that had been set last night in the sage - sacks killed near gorge. Caught 7 P. m. sonoriensis & 2 Neotoma (sp.?) We put up & hiked until about 12:30 & then Bill went back across the river to hunt squirrels & gophers. He got a couple oregonus & one Fremonts. Ladoed - & went hunting for marmots & C. idahoensis in the hills & Butte just S. of camp. Howard got 6 squirrels & one medium sized Marmot with 16 ga. shotgun & I got one large & small Marmot. Stayed all night long & saw yesterday lightning bolt. Wind blew a gale. Neotoma (Sp?) - While looking for Marmots I found one of the mouse traps & lost this morning. The trap was 5 ft. away from where it had been set & had an adult female Wood Rat in it, & dead. The set was at the entrance of its nest underneath a rock & one of the yng. was sucking the dead body. Its truly a pathetic sight. Another one was near & squeeking & I could hear others in the nest in the rocks. With difficulty & got

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the others out of the nest & did he only long, kill them. The young eyes weren't opened yet & their color was dark gray. They were about 4" long & their sheaths were just appearing. My suppose the rats that had been caught this morning were young. Busy-tails, but since finding the adult without the large tail they are probably some thing else. I examined the parent.

Marmot - An old female was shot with much of the hair missing on the rear parts (back half etc.). This is probably a molt or disease. Skulled saved.

May 30 (2 mi. S. Melba.) Weather was warm in the morning & rain started which continued. Stayed in the tent most of the day & so no field observing was done.

May 31.
2 mi S. Melba to Payette Payette Co. Idaho.

Up at sunrise & left camp by 9 A.M. After fixing a flat tire and shoeing in town, we camped at the "Creek" just near the junction of the Snake & the Payette R.

Citellus idahoensis - Stopped along the

to hunt some of these. We managed to catch large fat male alive that was caught in an old stove in a dump here. We now have him in a minnow bucket & B. Davis will probably keep it. This was caught 4½ mi. S.E. New Plymouth, Payette Co. Most C. idahoensis were in open grassland

June 1.

2 mi. S. Payette & including Mann Cr. in Yellow Pine Belt 20 Mi. N. Wiese.

Mr. A.O. Gregg the sweetes host took me to a lunch Camp from Payette while he gathered wood. We had to cross into Oregon for a few miles making my 2nd visit to that state. Hunted a slight bit for Squirels & Marmots. Took us 4 hrs to go 44 miles coming back including flats on the trailer. Vegetation along Mann Creek Ida consisted Douglas Fir Yellow Pine & White Fir. Cedars were Scarce & Rocky Desert ond in Canyons. Western Meadow birds were these. For the Canyon the vegetation changed to Cottonwoods, Alders & Sagebrush. Set out trap line in sagebrush back at Camp.

C. tellus Columbianus - The typical habitat of this spec. along Mann

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Cr. seemed to be a small flat covered with grass; not more than 30 yds. from the stream in the canyon bottom, & slightly lower where Aldrich collected abv. The ground was soft, moist, and not rocky, enabling them to throw up a large mound containing about 6 gallons of dirt. The holes were as large as our hat. They seemed quite ~~hasty~~ confiding & frequently I could approach within 15 yds. as they stood stock still watching me. Several were seen to burrow into the dense undergrowth. No noise were heard from them at any time. Difficulty in collecting them lay in the fact that a hatchet was necessary to dislodge the hardy creatures who dug themselves into the crevices or jumped into the air and came down from away. Only one was obtained.
Klamath Falls Clipper - Coyote 20 mi. N. Wiese. Attempt to collect failed.

June 2.
2 mi S. Payette, Payette Co. Idaho.
Collected bap - line with but on Cercocarpus parvus. Rained until 1.30 & then showered & hiked along the Payette R. river is lined with willow clumps &

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Sage brush flats literally. Sloughs run into the pasture land & sage brush & rad dense tules. On the way back we found a dead Gopher Snake 68" long hanging on a fence. In evening set out traps for Rat hoping to get Black Tern - 2 nests were found: 1 containing 3 eggs & the other having one. Located on edge of slough in some stud like tules. Photos obtained.

June 3

2 mi. S. Payette to a few mi. E. Keeping on Snake R., Idaho.

Collected 500 line with none of the desired Rat & Ground Squirrels (Citellus) that were in a pasture near by. Set up 3 of them & then photod their habitat. Got small boys shooting Lana Catesbiana for the legs. Photographed a wounded one. Left camp at 2:30 & drove till dark.

June 4.

Snake R. Valley to Howells Canyon

Left Camp this morning a little after sunrise & stopped along the way to hunt ground squirrels We found them all to be Citellus until we crossed the Snake River at Rupert where the country was almost overridden with C. tridecem. The

river seems to serve as a natural barrier at this point. In the late afternoon Bill took Howard & I nearly all the way to summit of Mt. Harrison & left us there to return for us in 2 days. He would visit relatives in Rupert. The upper zones of the Mt. are very rugged up. Vegetation on the N.E slope was entirely sage until about 6000' when there occurred a few small Aspens beside streams extending in tongues down the slope. Their leaves were out but small as yet. Sage (Artemesia tridentata) covered a zone of the dry ridges & would be seen all the way to the summit. Perhaps the reason for this absence of cheatgrass in such varied habitat (desert & snow Peak) is due to its relation to water supply & not temperature. Weather is hardly relevant to conditions as because it really just get any more water on the snow peak due to its being in as icy form & not obtainable - Hyes. Can get same amt of water in desert as the peak. On Climbing, the first conifer met with was the Douglas Fir. Then came Red Fir & then a mixture of Lodgepole Pine & the rest the type.

Yellow-haired Porcupine — On Mt Harrison

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near where we made camp, we found one of these wadding over a snow bank. Approaching it it puffed up its quills & attempted to get away. We tied a rope to its hind leg & kept it for photographing tomorrow.

June 5,

Mt. Harrison, Howells Canyon.
Spent part of morning taking pictures & occupied & spent first part of afternoon & evening like Hazard & I hiked to top of ridge just below the summit of the Mountain. Was here was all sage with a few grassy meadows & some peculiar creeks cutting out not more than 20 ft. high. They were windblown & thus were very packed. Set out Lupine Junior Comps in Sagebrush region. Citellus (Sp.?) - Found this upon on top of the ridge amongst sage & on that above mentioned creek. Our attention was first called to them by a whistling similar to a Junco song, but-peater & a little harder. They were also perched upon the sage & on the higher parts of the rocks, but these rocks were plenty of "sign" of wood Rats & Marmots (Woodchuck). Hazard collected a male Mouse & I obtained a ♀. Was here age of

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C. oregonus but had buffon the tail & very little on the back

June 6.

Mt. Harrison

Had some skinning in the morning & set out 4 sets of gophers traps. Numerous of these earth cases were present but such mounds occurring after the melted snow were difficult to find. Tended for birds & hunted the rest of the day.

June 7.

Mt. Harrison

This morning we again hiked to the south ridge below the Mt. with the hope of getting some more of these squirrels collected day before yesterday. They seemed very wary today & only 4 were seen. After hunting a couple of hours we started out for Lake Cleveland that lay at the N. base of Mt. Harrison in a Cirque. Snow was at least 10 ft. deep in places along the way & much fun was had glissading. Region around lake was covered with Lodge Pole Pine, Red Fir & Tender Fir (Abies Alpina) a few Juniperus communis were also seen on a Cruby form. Having decided we did some skinning before supper. Snow on the ground makes

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a good refrigerater for mammals that can't be skinned on the mount.
Yellow-haired Porcupine - On the way to the ridge a gng. Lodge-pole tree was found completely girdled near the base & within 3 ft of the top. (Was about 30' tall) On the catch of snow beneath were hind hairs + bits of bark pulled 8" dep. Lateral limbs had bark eaten only at their base. The D.B.H. measured 7 the Circ was 8½". A fir 3½" nearby had some bark eaten also. So far on Mt. Harrison only Lr + Lodge-pole bark has been eaten.
White-tailed Jack Rabbit - Howard shot a large ♀ containing embryos near the both - were 133 m.m. in length. This is the first I have seen + it appeared like a small deer.
Golden Eagle - 3 were seen in the air at once (one was immature). A Prairie Falcon was soaring near them.
Clarke Nutcracker - Several were seen + heard + one seen feeding on the Limber Pine cones

June 8.

Mt. Harrison

Early this morning I went to the ridge south of the summit + searched for Parmots when I found reported seeing them yesterday. I saw

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waiting revealed noise. Afternoon Hayward went to some gulch near the ridge + collected a large female. After washing clothes I spent rest of afternoon "birding" devoting time to a restricted clearing containing Ceanothus + a few scrubby aspens. The opening or clearing was surrounded by a dense growth of aspen ("just leafing out"), mixed with fir + lodge pole. Such a small area proved interesting in bird relationships. About the only bird in the clearing all the time was a Brewer's Blackbird whose chief song atop the sage frantically and only occasionally fly to the aspens + sing about 10 ft. high in a bordering fir (always on the clearing side). These were such birds that only entered the clearing to drink in the stream. Others were the Ruby C. Kinglet, Chipping Sparrow, Wood Pewee, Audubon Warbler + Orange-c. Warbler. Violet-green Swallows seemed to enjoy the opening in which to hawk over for insects.

Set out the trap-line in Aspen Habitat

Marmot - Many faeces were seen on all the slope of the ridge but no Marmots themselves. Most of the droppings in the cracks were mouldy indicating last year's.

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Hammond Flycatcher - At a distance of 10 yds & under good light with binoculars I could see that the Iridescences were about ½ to ⅝ shorter than the Primaries when the wing was closed. Notes but all of them are given here are in 2 syllables (todeep + tweep) The first being slightly slurred yet the last on the same pitch as the start of the first.

Swainson Hawk - A couple days ago we met two egg collectors that stayed 2 days & this a.m. I saw a pair down the canyon always. Today I had an excellent view of one atop a dead fir (I was 10 yds from the base.) With binoculars nearly every feather could be made out. It was in light phase with a dusky gular mark & half a rufous tail. After watching it for a couple minutes it took off & soared in small circles.

(Cracked) Lincoln (Sp.) - Larger than Oregonus yet singe same. Same description as one at Salmon Cr.

June 9.

Dr. Hansen

Collected traps - Line ½ 11 mouse traps & got one brightly colored P. m. sonoriensis. Out of 4 pairs of gopher traps only one was caught

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Put up the two 0/Kind & went birding in the same Clearing until 1:30. After lunch we went to the S. Ridge ~~[illegible]~~. Norval hunted squirrels & I hunted Marmots. We climbed the peak & went towards the tops on the ridge.
Marmot - Signal were seen on the talus & seemed unusually large & light colored. Those they seemed the wisest I have ever seen. Their burrows they could always be seen on the summit of a knoll where there vegetation was undisturbed for 360° - for 100 yds. or more to miles across huge valleys. Those on the talus rocks all warned by 3 sentinels on the top. As no approach was made. Shooting range just couldn't be obtained & ~~or~~ shots against wind at 60 yds was futile.
Golden-mantled Ground Squirrel - Two were seen on the summit of the ridge. They differed from the Alpine type in having a lighter gold on the head & the stripes on the back hardly distinctive. (Also smaller in size) - may have been yg. Were seen running about in the ridge mixed with rocks & rock - No trees present.
White tailed Jack Rabbit - When coming back from the ridge in twilight we saw a large one in

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a level meadow containing many Corn Lilies that were just coming up. The light color of the body & tail were striking. It ran into the forest partly covered with banks of snow. The tracks then seemed as large as a medium sized Coyote (toes only while running)

Sage Hen - One seen gliding around a small hill, Area covered with sage & sand Open.

Swainson Hawk - One seen soaring above a "Red-tails". Later I more seen atop the same fir tree described before. One was calling in a hoarse whistled cries about & in a circling & gradually descending pitched. The Glaucous was seen eating a Pocket Gopher. It would drop its wings below the perch only once it took a bite. After 4 minutes they moved out of sight calling - nearly always.

Ruby-C. Kinglet - A female was observed gathering nesting material, but could not be followed. A male songs frequently from a ledge 20 ft Cliff 30' up.

Violet-g. Swallow - Nest found 7½" up in a 9" D.B.H. Aspen. A pair seen on hole & both head in & out as though feeding young.

Townsend (Sp?) - 4 seen in Aspens near Clearing. Description answers

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that of the Anna but might be the Broad-tailed Hummer.

House Wren - Yesterday found a nest & this a.m. & in the same nest today, set flew & Mr. Wren!

Mt. Bluebird - This nest found a few days ago in an old fir now had an almost completed cup & a bedded dark grass & feathers. Both parents were observed going into the nesting cavity.